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Festival lineup unveiled



Ai Hagiwara, flute, Luis Tovar, congas, and Steve Jose, sax, all members of Cumako, kick off another year of great jazz in Calgary. The 2009 Calgary Jazz Festival lineup reveal was held at the Wild Rose Brewery Thursday.

## Cuts to surgery elicit protest from LGBT community

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**SURGERY** Members of Alberta's transgendered, gay, lesbian and bisexual community are preparing for a battle with the Alberta government after cuts were made to gender reassignment surgery.

The Alberta government delisted gender reassignment from its funding coverage as part of the budget announcement Tuesday.

"This is a decision we feel is based on ignorance and discrimination. On paper it seemed like an easy cut but this is people's lives we're talking about,"

Kristopher Wells, researcher at the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies based in the University of Edmonton, said.

"These medical transitions are not a choice for some people, it's a necessary medical procedure," he added.

The cuts to the funding would only save Alberta Health and Wellness about \$700,000 a year, a cost Wells feels isn't worth the consequences.

"Some members of this community report being born in the wrong body and gender reassignment surgery helps to re-establish their biological self with their emotional self," Wells said.

Wells launched a Facebook group regarding the issue and already has over 360 members.

# Teenager attacked

Mom calls for increased security on LRT platforms

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**A distraught Calgary mom, whose son was victimized in a weekend assault, fears he'll never be able to finish high school.**

The mother, who wished not to be named, said her Grade 12 son suffered such serious head injuries in a vicious attack early Saturday morning, that he lost the mental capacity to complete his studies.

"He's not able to walk, he can't remember what happened. We're just not sure what is going to happen," the upset mother said.

The mother said she would usually pick her 17-year-old son up, but that night his friend dropped him off at the Canyon Meadows C-Train station. That's when police say an altercation



Calgary police are looking for three people in connection with the assault.

occurred between two groups and spilled onto the overpass of the 400-block of Cantrell Drive SW.

"They went for his head. They didn't hit his body. I just don't understand why," she choked up. "I just want the violence to stop. I want them caught."

The mother is calling for better safety on LRT platforms, and

she says there should be around-the-clock visible presence.

"It's been a problem before and it's a concern for me. I'm very fearful," she said, adding her son was punched once before at a different LRT platform.

Calgary Transit spokesperson Ron Collins said while the attack didn't occur on transit property, crime in and around platforms has decreased.

"We've taken many safety initiatives and increased our visibility across the system. The system is safe," Collins said.

Det. Jeff Anderson is urging for witnesses in the attack to come forward with information.

VideoOnline

An emotional mother describes her son's injuries at [metronews.ca/local](http://metronews.ca/local)

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## Sex toys aren't sexy, people are

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## Film careers on suicide watch

Holiday

**Metro will not publish Good Friday. The next edition will appear Monday.**



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**Police make arrest in appliance thefts**

Tips from the public led Calgary police and Okotoks RCMP to Okotoks resident Frederick Joseph's home, where 29 stolen appliances worth more than \$50,000 were found. Joseph, 59, faces a charge of possession of stolen property over \$5,000. **METRO CALGARY**

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# Local



## Housing starts way down in area

Total housing starts in the Calgary Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) were down from 3,068 units in March 2008 to 297 units in March 2009, according to a Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. release Wednesday. Through the first quarter of 2009, total housing starts are 4,000 units lower than the same period in 2008, the release said.

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### Thief ditches truck over diaper duty

**CRIME** A young truck thief got more than he bargained for in Edmonton when he stole a truck and found a baby inside, according to reports.

Brooke Hartum left her five-month-old child in her running truck while picking up her other children from a Sherwood Park school. The young thief called the grandfather to leave the address of the location where he left the truck. Hartum told media she thinks the boy was "just in over his head."

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## Bar owners blast sin tax

SHAWN LOGAN  
for Metro Calgary

**Booze-loving Calgary bar-goers should expect to pay more for a pint or a cocktail thanks to jacked provincial sin taxes, say miffed proprietors.**

The province's 2009 budget unveiled Tuesday took direct aim at beer and spirits, hiking taxes on a 12-pack of beer by \$1.30 and a 750-millilitre liquor bottle by \$2.85.

And the news is not being welcomed by bar owners, who say the taxes coupled with a 4.6 per cent hike in Alberta's minimum wage that took effect April 1 will likely result in bigger bills for loyal customers.

"There's going to be a certain amount of trickle down, no question, for our customers," said Bruce MacKenzie, owner of Riverbend Station at 40 Riverglen Dr. S.E.

"If you're looking for a way to recoup a five per cent minimum wage in-



Some city bar owners are fuming after the province announced an increase in the liquor tax in Tuesday's budget, forcing them to look at raising prices for patrons.

crease and then you get whacked with another 20 per cent on liquor, its going to impact customers."

Wayne Leong, owner of Melrose Cafe and Bar at 730 - 17 Ave. S.W., said it's too early to speculate on

the impact, but noted it will be a balancing act for what his establishment can afford and what increases will be accepted by customers after the new taxes take effect.

"We're going to look at

what we can cut in certain areas and what our guests can afford," he said.

"I've never seen an increase like this."

The province also added \$3 to the cost of a carton of cigarettes.

### Pedestrian death has RCMP baffled

**ACCIDENT** Canmore Mounties are investigating a fatal collision that left a pedestrian dead on the Trans-Canada Highway Wednesday, mysteriously far from the town site.

Cpl. Martine Renaud said investigators are at a loss as to how the unidentified man came to be walking on the highway around 3 a.m. near the Three Sisters overpass, about an hour's walk from Canmore, but believe he was struck by a westbound vehicle.

Renaud wouldn't say if this is being investigated as a hit and run, noting that while no vehicle was at the scene, Mounties aren't looking for one that may have been involved.

"There are a lot of pedestrians crossing the highway at Canmore, but that is quite far away from anything," she said.

The identity of the victim will be released following an autopsy. No one has been charged.

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What's online today.

#### Video

London police face questions over man's death at G20 protest after troubling video released at metronews.ca/world

#### Lotteries

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A Drumheller man faces charges after he allegedly shot his roommate in the foot, according to RCMP. Police said the incident happened during an argument Tuesday. The suspect was already on parole for other offences. **METRO CALGARY**

## Century-old hotel to come down

**RED DEER** A 110-year-old hotel is set to be demolished in Red Deer.

Despite pleas from several hundred petitioners to restore Arlington Hotel, built in 1899, the city of Red Deer plans to go ahead with a demolition that would reduce the historic property to rubble.

The building houses a historic stove, built in 1899, and an old freezer printed with the portrait of Queen Victoria.

## City, ENMAX set for greener energy

**AGREEMENT** The City of Calgary and ENMAX will announce an electricity agreement Thursday, whereby 100 per cent of the electricity purchased for city operations will be produced by renewable sources by the year 2012.

Mayor Bronconnier, Owen Tobert, city manager, and Gary Holden, president and CEO of ENMAX, will be announcing the agreement Thursday at old city hall. **METRO CALGARY**

# Blaze damages 3 homes

Family left homeless after fire caused by space heater spreads

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**A family is happy to be alive after watching their southeast Calgary home and two others go up in flames early Wednesday morning.**

Nobody was hurt in the fire which started in one home in the 200 block of Deer Run Crescent and spread to two neighbouring homes.

Daryl Miller said he and his family were awoken by their neighbours around 2:30 a.m. when the fire spread to their home.

"We had to get out right away. I managed to grab a pair of pants but two of my kids just had their underwear on. None of us had shoes," Miller said.

"It was intense. I think it hasn't really set in yet that we have lost everything. We have nothing left."

Neighbour Ryan Risling and his wife, Cheryl In-



Daryl Miller surveys the damage done by a fire that gutted one home and damaged two others, including his, in Deer Run around 3 a.m. Wednesday.

gold, were woken up by the large flames and noise as windows blew out of the enflamed houses.

"Flames were shooting out and the families were running from the homes. It was unbelievable," Ris-

ling said.

Miller and his family were renting the home and their landlord Ron has set up a fund to help the family at the Deer Run Community Centre. "Their insurance might

not cover all the costs," the landlord told Metro.

The fire department said a space heater under a hot tub was to blame, and initial damage estimates total \$800,000 for all three homes.

## City's advice online for green thumbs

**SPRING** The city's parks department has turned to the web to educate local green thumbs.

With growing demands for the city's Healthy Yards program, officials plan to offer virtual advice for Calgarians looking to beautify their personal green spaces and make them more sustainable.

Simon Wilkins, the city's integrated pest management co-ordinator, said the program plans to use its newly unveiled YouTube site and DVDs to reach out to environmentally conscious homeowners without resorting to reams of paper pamphlets.

Wilkins said the technology will allow interested homeowners to key on items of interest including composting, water conservation, beneficial plants, lawn care and managing pests.

For information on the green yards program visit [www.calgary.ca/healthyyards](http://www.calgary.ca/healthyyards) or [www.youtube.com/CityofCalgaryParks](http://www.youtube.com/CityofCalgaryParks)

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**Manitoba opens floodway**

Manitoba has activated the Red River Floodway. Officials had said the flood diversion channel wouldn't be used until all of the ice was off the Red River near the floodway gates south of Winnipeg. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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# Canada



## Chopper crash to be probed

A government regulator that manages the offshore oil industry near Newfoundland said Wednesday it will investigate a helicopter crash that killed 17 people last month. The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board said in a brief statement it will "establish an inquiry into worker safety associated with the recent helicopter incident in the Newfoundland and Labrador offshore area." **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

### News in brief

**BROADCASTING** The cash-strapped CBC, struggling with layoffs and cuts to regional programming, wants a slice of government funding currently proposed to rescue local newscasts of struggling private broadcasters. The public television and radio broadcaster, facing a \$170-million shortfall, pledged to invest any new government cash into local coverage.

**POLITICS** A third national poll has given Canada's opposition Liberals a slight lead over the recently re-elected Conservatives who are fighting to maintain support during the current recession. The Strategic Counsel poll, issued Wednesday by the Globe and Mail newspaper, has the Liberals at 34 per cent and the Conservatives at 32 per cent. Two polls issued in late March had put the Liberals one to three points ahead.

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### Ottawa Tamil protest



A Tamil protester takes part in a demonstration in front of Parliament Hill in Ottawa Wednesday. Protesters accused the Sri Lankan army of using chemical weapons and rape in its war against the Tamil Tigers and said the army has killed thousands of Tamil civilians, CBC News Online reports.

CHRIS WATTE/REUTERS

## Activists aim at Shell

### Groups claim oil giant broke promise

Canadian environmental groups asked regulators Wednesday to rescind approvals for part of a \$13.7-billion expansion of Royal Dutch Shell Plc's oilsands project, alleging the company backed off promises to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

The Oil Sands Environmental Coalition — which includes the Pembina Institute, the Toxics Watch Society of Alberta and the Fort McMurray Environmental Association — say Shell has broken an agreement to significantly cut the output of greenhouse gases (GHG) such as carbon dioxide from an expansion of its Muskeg River and Jackpine oilsands mines in

### Cost of oilsands

- Canada's oilsands have the largest reserves outside the Middle East. However separating the tar-like bitumen from sand and soil and upgrading it into refinery-ready synthetic crude is more energy intensive and emits more carbon dioxide than conventional oil production.

northern Alberta.

The coalition is asking the Canadian government and Alberta's Energy Resources Conservation Board, who jointly approved the project, to reconsider their ruling through a new public hear-

ing because Shell's promise was a factor in the decision.

"Shell has broken a binding agreement," said Simon Dyer, oilsands program director at the Pembina Institute. Regulators "can reopen those approvals given that Shell has clearly reneged on its commitment."

The groups claim Shell agreed to come up with specific targets for cuts to greenhouse gas emissions at the mine sites. Instead, they say the company told them it will not quantify its GHG cuts, deciding instead to wait for the government to come up with regulations on emissions.

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More than 500 people gathered at a church in Laval for the funeral of two girls found slain in their family home last week. Their mother, Adèle Sorella, has been charged with first-degree murder in connection with their deaths. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

## Canadians oppose auto biz loans: Poll

**ECONOMY** Most Canadians are opposed to giving taxpayer-funded loans to the troubled auto industry and believe North American companies should go under if they can't compete, according to an Angus Reid/Toronto Star poll released Wednesday.

Fifty-one per cent disagree with the decision by the federal and Ontario governments to commit \$4 billion in short-term loans to General Motors of Cana-

da Ltd. and Chrysler Canada Inc.

And 63 per cent believe these companies should declare bankruptcy if they can't make a go of it in the global auto market.

Ottawa and Queen's Park have said interim loans of \$3 billion for GM Canada Limited and \$1 billion for Chrysler Canada will be advanced as necessary to assist the companies while they work on their restructuring plans.

In Ontario, where auto is king, respondents are clearly split on the government assistance, with 46 per cent in favour and 48 per cent against.

The survey further shows that almost half or 48 per cent of Canadians believe the struggling automakers have received enough money and shouldn't get a dime more.

Between April 3 and 4, 1,002 Canadian were surveyed. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Aecon Group wins \$181M contract

**CONSTRUCTION** Aecon Group Inc. said Wednesday that its joint venture with two other builders has won a \$181 million contract to complete water tunnels in Vancouver.

Aecon, Canada's biggest publicly traded construction company, is a 30 per cent partner in the venture.

**REUTERS**

### News in brief

**EMPLOYMENT** Canada's March job losses will not be encouraging, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said on Wednesday in his now habitual commentary on the closely watched employment report on the eve of its release to the public. "I expect the numbers will continue to be worse over the next several months," Flaherty told reporters.

**OLYMPICS** Vancouver is crying foul over unfavourable interna-

tional media coverage about a gang war under way in the city, which will host the 2010 Winter Olympics. The violence level has become a public relations nightmare for government and tourism officials who routinely trumpet Vancouver as one of the world's most livable cities. The metropolitan area has had more than 20 gang-related murders since mid-January.

**REUTERS**

## Canada 'ahead' of G20 in moving funds: PM

**Canada is "way ahead" of other G20 nations in putting its stimulus cash to work creating jobs and easing the economic downturn, Prime Minister Stephen Harper says.**

Harper made the boast on a day when Canada pledged \$9.2 billion to improve the marina in Oshawa, Ont.; \$400 million in upgrades to federal buildings and \$5 million for a New Brunswick highway project.

"A lot of other countries are announcing stimulus budgets and I'm not saying anything against them but I think a lot of them are less advanced and a lot less certain of how they're actually going to get the money out quickly than we are in Canada," Harper said Wednesday.

The prime minister, who met with G20 leaders last week to discuss the economic crisis, said he expects Canada will be able to roll out its own spending faster thanks to co-operation with other levels of government and moves to



Prime Minister Stephen Harper and New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham raise their arms during a wave at the World Men's Curling Championships in Moncton, N.B., Wednesday.

streamline paperwork.

"We want to make sure we are putting people to work in this construction season," said Harper, during a stop in Moncton, N.B.

"The federal government has been cutting all kinds of red tape in terms of approval processes. We are determined to show Canadians that we are in fact get-

ting to work," he said.

But with the construction season now poised to begin in earnest, the Conservatives, accused by the opposition of dragging their feet to cope with the economic crisis, are under the gun to make the \$12 billion in infrastructure cash promised in the budget a reality.

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**Georgian opposition rallies thousands of anti-presidential protesters**

The government of Georgia and the Georgian Orthodox Church appealed for calm Wednesday as the opposition prepared demonstrations to demand the resignation of President Mikheil Saakashvili. The opposition expects to bring tens of thousands into the streets of capital Tbilisi Thursday. **REUTERS**

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# World

## Clinton concerned

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Wednesday she was very concerned by news of espionage charges filed by Iran against Iranian-American journalist Roxana Saberi and demanded her immediate release. **REUTERS**



## Thousands protest Thai PM

**Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva insisted Wednesday that an Asian summit, postponed once already, would go ahead in Thailand this week despite a mass rally in Bangkok by protestors intent on toppling him.**

Police said 100,000 demonstrators, supporters of ousted former premier Thaksin Shinawatra, were at the Government House by the evening, more than during the day but still far fewer than the 300,000 organizers had promised.

No clashes were reported, although fears of violence fed rumours that a meeting of leaders of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and other Asian countries starting on Friday would be cancelled or moved.

The meeting was postponed late last year because of political unrest when a pro-Thaksin government was in power, and Abhisit's administration has billed the rescheduled event as a sign that Thailand is returning to normal.



Supporters of former Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra paint their bodies during a rally against Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva in Bangkok Wednesday.

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**REUTERS**

## Hopes fade for Italy quake survivors amid aftershocks

**ABRUZZO** A series of aftershocks disrupted rescuers in central Italy Wednesday as they picked through rubble for a third night in their search for survivors of Monday's earthquake that killed 272 people.

One tremor measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale hit at 2:53 a.m. local time. The aftershocks terrified many of the survivors — 17,000 of whom stayed in tent villages after being made homeless. Rescuers acknowledge hope of finding anyone alive under the devastated city are fading with every hour.

The death toll rose to 272 after rescuers pulled more bodies from collapsed buildings. A mass state funeral and national day of mourning are expected to be held Friday.

**REUTERS**

## Crew regains control of hijacked ship

**INDIAN OCEAN** The crew of a U.S.-flagged, Danish-owned ship hijacked by pirates off Somalia retook control of the freighter Wednesday but their captain was still held hostage on a lifeboat.

The Maersk Alabama's crew was in control of the ship and was trying to negotiate its captain's release while waiting for a U.S. warship to arrive.

A Pentagon spokeswoman said the U.S. navy destroyer Bainbridge was at the scene.

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Born leaders may be more likely to have children than people who prefer to be led, according to a Finnish study. Researchers found that among Finnish adults in a long-term health study, those who'd scored high on a "leadership" scale as teenagers were more likely than low scorers to have a child by the age of 39. **REUTERS**

# N. Korea celebrates rocket launch

Pyongyang threatens military action on nations who seek missile debris

Shouting soldiers at a mass rally Wednesday celebrated North Korea's defiant launch of a rocket, while Russia's foreign minister said any new punishment for Pyongyang could be counter-productive.

The U.S., Japan and South Korea said the

launch Sunday was a disguised test of a long-range missile designed to carry warheads to U.S. territory and deserves punishment because it violated UN resolutions.

North Korea warned the UN Security Council Tuesday it would take "strong

steps" if the 15-nation body took any action in response to the launch. Wednesday it gathered its top officials for a celebration of the launch broadcast on its state TV.

The reclusive state has threatened to boycott nuclear disarmament talks

and restart its plant that makes bomb-grade plutonium if it is punished by the United Nations. It also warned of military retaliation if anyone tries to retrieve debris from the rocket.

Diplomats have said China and Russia would prob-

ably accept a Security Council warning to Pyongyang urging it to comply with UN resolutions. But Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said he believed the threat of sanctions against North Korea was "counter-productive."

**REUTERS**

12 arrested in U.K. terrorism raids, despite security snafu

**LONDON** Police arrested 12 men in counter-terrorism raids across northwest England Wednesday hours after a security blunder by a top police officer.

The afternoon raids involving several hundred officers took place after Britain's most senior counter-terrorism officer was photographed carrying a document detailing plans for the arrests.

British media said the raids were brought forward because of the potential security breach by Scotland Yard's Assistant Commissioner Bob Quick.

The document said 11 people, from a teenager to a 41-year-old man, were targeted for arrest, 10 of them Pakistan nationals in Britain on student visas, and one British.

Quick was photographed with the document, labelled "secret," outside Prime Minister Gordon Brown's London offices. **REUTERS**

Mexican drug cartels get new image from heirs

**MEXICO** Shunning the gem-studded pistols flaunted by their fathers, a savvy new generation of drug smugglers is moving up the ranks of Mexico's cartels wielding college degrees and keeping low profiles to evade police.

Often the urbane children of founders, they typify a new wave of leaders of Mexico's warring cartels, whose turf wars killed 6,300 people last year.

The fashionable sons of two prominent drug bosses were recently arrested in smart Mexico City neighborhoods, suspected of laundering money for the Juarez and Sinaloa cartels while moving among the country's elite. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

**BRAZIL** Environmental police in Brazil seized the equivalent of 400 truckloads of wood and shut down 13 illegal loggers in a major raid, the government said Wednesday, the latest effort to curb destruction of the Amazon rain forest.

**IRAQ** A roadside bomb in the Shi'ite Kadhimiya district in Baghdad killed seven and wounded 23 Wednesday, police said. The blast bore the marks of Sunni Islamist al-Qaida, which often attacks Shi'ite religious sites. **REUTERS**

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## Comment

# Peddling naughty wares leaves some cold

## Relating

Andrea Woo



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It was a drizzling Saturday evening in B.C.'s Fraser Valley and I was prodding a replica vagina with modest intrigue and quiet condemnation.

I was at the Taboo Naughty But Nice Sex

Show, for reasons that are still not clear, and the latex lady part was one of hundreds of items being peddled casually, like a Teflon frying pan at Costco.

Here, perusing the aisles of adult playthings under bright lights in a warehouse setting, one couldn't help but notice the sterilization of sex — something so significant in romantic relationships and usually so emotionally provocative — and the complete pointlessness of many of the products.

The strappy leather get-

**"Under bright lights in a warehouse setting, one couldn't help but notice the sterilization of sex."**

up laden with grips and handles, for example, seemed rather unnecessary. The traffic-cone-size butt plug did not need to exist. The non-porous, glass dildo with a flower inside failed to pique my interest, despite the sales lady informing me it was "functional art" that's also "dishwasher safe."

And the middle-age woman selling vibrators at her corner kiosk like a female Billy Mayes? "It's like she was selling Cuisinart appliances," said one friend. We half expected the vibrator to also dice onions and absorb spills effortlessly.

Another friend theorizes the trade shows are deliber-

ately unsexy, as to not intimidate the more conservative attendees. I think he is wrong.

The sex toy industry peddles its products with the pitch these items could and should be an exciting and instrumental part of people's sex lives. Those who aren't interested, the inference would suggest, are boring or guarded or scared.

Organizers wanted the show to be sexy, exciting and risqué, but failed, because the reality is that Cy-

berSkin and AA batteries and Liberator ramps are not sexy — people are. Toys are just that, and should be used as occasional accessories, without the permanency of the holes drilled into the ceiling to install a Love Swing™.

That said, I still think the Ultra Realistic Vibrating Vagina & Anus would make a pretty neat conversation piece.

Andrea Woo is a Vancouver-based news and entertainment reporter. She won this column in a carnival dart game.

## Views

# We need strategies, not buy Canadian mantra

## InStep

Christine Williams



We're still in the shock phase of a global economic meltdown. Nothing else explains why some voices are still shouting "buying Canadian" is the only way to save jobs. Albeit those voices should be applauded for their nationalist zeal, the encouragement of buying Canadian is comparatively different than issuing distress commands to buy Canadian; the latter signifying a reluctance to accept

the inevitable outcome of globalization, which didn't galvanize overnight. Its steady growth over the past couple of decades has triggered a mega-shift from the managed economy of the cold war era to the new modern demands for ideas, technology, innovations and entrepreneurship.

We encouraged competition and applauded free trade for enabling expansive opportunity and growth. Now we are faced with an inevitable consequence: Growing pains. We're now forced to seek solutions, which could take some time. But given the instant gratification mantra of the marketplace we readily gobbled up, it won't be easy. We don't want to be

caught off guard like Britain in the 19th century when the new U.S. economic empire arrived on the scene; so we must equip ourselves with knowledge to strategize into the future.

Many economists are predicting a shift in the balance of power to our neighbours from the East: China, a dominant player in mass manufacturing and India, with their high-tech hubs. Goods come cheap in India, less than three grand a car.

Recently "On the Line," I asked Leonard Brody, the CEO of NowPublic, how much sense buying Canadian meant. He said it made as much sense as asking someone to vacation Canadian.

David Cravit, CEO of Zoomer Media, offered his

consoling advice that it made more sense to focus instead on becoming more competitive globally.

One only needs to look at the substantive restructuring, and uncertainty facing the Big Three Auto Maker Oligopoly to face up to the reality of the competitive global market. With the focus of the G20 summit being to prevent a worldwide depression and restore confidence in markets, we nervously await any positive news while practising the virtue of patience. For those of us who could, I will still extol the patriotic advice: "Buy Canadian."

Christine Williams is the producer and host of the live current affairs daily talk show On the Line at CTS TV in Burlington, Ont.

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## Virus fears may be behind PC attacks

Users seeking protection being infected by fake security software, Microsoft says

**Computer users' growing fear of worms and viruses could be behind a recent spike in attacks on PCs via bogus security software, according to a Microsoft Corp. report published on Wednesday.**

As the Conficker worm and other malicious software have grabbed headlines, more computer

users have been looking for security programs online, some of which turn out to be agents for viruses themselves.

Out of hundreds of millions of PCs monitored by Microsoft for its twice yearly Security Intelligence Report, seven of the 25 top security threats came in the form of fake security

### Numbers

- Overall, Microsoft's report shows that instances of software security problems actually fell three per cent in the second half of last year from the first half. But the number defined as "high severity" rose four per cent.

programs.

In the last six months of 2008, Microsoft said it

cleared 4.4 million PCs of the most successful bogus security program, which

goes under the name of Win32/Renos.

That is a 67 per cent increase over the first half of 2008, said George Stathakopoulos, head of product security at Microsoft's Trustworthy Computing Group.

Fear of Conficker "could be a part of it," said Stathakopoulos, explain-

ing the sudden jump in attacks from what Microsoft calls "rogue" security software, or "scareware."

Conficker, a program that works its way into a PC and allows it to be controlled remotely, is believed to have infected millions of PCs, but no significant disruption has yet occurred. **REUTERS**

## Canadian housing starts jump

**CONSTRUCTION** Canadian housing starts rose an unexpectedly strong 13.7 per cent in March, breaking a six-month losing streak, but analysts said the recovery is likely to be temporary.

Ground-breaking on new homes climbed to a

seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 154,700 units from an upwardly revised 136,100 units in February, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. said Wednesday.

Analysts had predicted 130,000 starts in March.

"On the surface, this was a very strong report ... However, in the grand scheme of things, the key economic fundamental factors continue to point to further weakness in Canadian housing sector activity," said Millan Mulraine, economics strategist at TD Securities. **REUTERS**

## Japan My Doggie Ring-Ring



An employee of Japanese mobile phone carrier KDDI poses as she displays the company's new polka dot-pattern mobile phone and dog-shaped phone holder designed by artist Yayoi Kusama in Tokyo yesterday. The product, named "My Doggie Ring-Ring," is priced at one million yen (\$12,364) and will go on sale in Japan this summer in a limited edition of 100 sets.

### Business in brief

**PROJECT** A consortium led by Enbridge Inc. said Wednesday it is ready to start a test project for injecting carbon dioxide from industrial operations into briny underground water reservoirs in Alberta.

**TECH** Intel Corp., the world's largest chip maker, is uncertain when demand for semiconductors will revive, its chairman said on Wednesday. Global chip sales fell about 30 per cent in February.

**TUNNELS** Aeon Group Inc. said Wednesday that its joint venture with two other builders has won a \$181-million contract to complete water tunnels in Vancouver. **REUTERS**

## Desk jobs increasing obesity, study finds

**HEALTH** Desk jobs are increasing obesity, with many employees and employers ignorant of the risks of sitting down all day, researchers said on Wednesday.

Two billion people worldwide will be overweight by 2015, and more than 700 million will be obese, according to the researchers, whose EU-funded study examined exercise and working habits across the European Union.

"A basic cause of obesity

related to the workplace is a lack of awareness of how serious this issue is among employers and employees," said Athena Linos, an epidemiology lecturer at Athens University. "Factors include work-related stress, overtime and desk-bound jobs."

A lack of designated areas for employees to store and eat their food, and a lack of on-site gyms were also among the factors increasing obesity, the researchers said. **REUTERS**

## Shaw profit hit by smaller tax gains

**MEDIA** Cable and telecom company Shaw Communications Inc. said Wednesday that quarterly profit declined due to smaller tax gains, but that earnings excluding non-operating items were higher.

The results matched expectations, said National Bank Financial analyst Greg MacDonald.

"The message for the stock is that Canadian cable is a safe haven," Mac-

Donald said in a note.

Shaw announced a profit of \$156 million in the quarter, ended Feb 28. That was down from a profit of \$299 million a year earlier. It recorded a tax recovery of \$23 million in the quarter, compared with \$188 million in the same period last year. Excluding non-operating items, Shaw said it would have made a profit of \$128 million, up from \$113 million. **REUTERS**

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U.S. President Barack Obama called North Carolina basketball coach Roy Williams to congratulate the Tar Heels on their NCAA championship Tuesday. White House spokesman Robert Gibbs says Obama thanked Williams for "vindicating him in front of the entire country." Obama picked UNC to win the championship in his NCAA bracket. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports

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## Serena stunned in Spain

Top-ranked Serena Williams was upset by No. 95 Klara Zakopalova at Wednesday's first round of the Andalucia Tennis Experience clay-court tournament in Spain. The Czech converted seven break points in her 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 win. The WTA tour also said Wednesday that Dinara Safina will surpass Williams for the No. 1 ranking in women's tennis later this month. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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##### WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

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## Jackets make playoffs

**For the first time ever, the Columbus Blue Jackets are headed to the post-season.**

The Blue Jackets were the only active NHL team never to have made the playoffs.

They began play in the 2000-01 season.

They sealed the deal Wednesday night with a 4-3 shootout win over the Chicago Blackhawks in Chicago.

Blue Jackets blue-liner Fedor Tyutin had the only goal in the shootout.

Rick Nash, Antoine Vermette and Jason Williams scored for Columbus in regulation time.

Brent Seabrook, Dave Bolland and Martin Havlat scored for the Blackhawks.

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Fedor Tyutin of the Columbus Blue Jackets slips the puck past Nikolai Khabibulin of the Chicago Blackhawks during a shootout Wednesday night in Chicago. The Blue Jackets won 4-3.

## Canada drops eight on Finland

**HOCKEY** Canada hammered Finland 8-0 in a playoff game at the world women's hockey championship Wednesday, and have now outscored the opposition 28-1 heading into Friday's game against the defending champion U.S. The U.S. and Finland meet Thursday, so Canada will be the more rested team when they face the Americans the following day. The two countries with the best record in the three-team playoff round advance to Sunday's championship game.

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## Curling Canada beats U.S.



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### Sports in brief

**NHL** The Ottawa Senators have rewarded head coach Cory Clouston with a two-year contract through the 2010-11 season. While Ottawa will miss the playoffs for the first time in 12 years, the team has responded by going 19-10-3 under Clouston.

**NBA** ESPN reported Wednesday that Andrew Bynum could return to the Los Angeles Lakers lineup as early as Thursday. Bynum has missed 32 games since tearing an MCL in his right knee in January.

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## Canadian under-18 hockey team names captain

Ryan O'Reilly has been named captain of Canada's team at the IIHF World Under-18 Championship, which opens Thursday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Flames need to find a solution, and fast

TheHockeyNews

**Brian Costello**

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**M**ike Keenan's defining moment in his two-year tenure as coach of Calgary Flames will surely come in the next two weeks.

He'll either find a way to buoy this floundering ship and get the Flames into the second round of the playoffs or he'll sink under the weight of great expectations and unsolved problems — and lose his job after a first round exit.

Calgary has hit a rough patch at the most inopportune time, winning just six times in 16 games on the eve of the playoffs. The Flames haven't won back-to-back games in that five-week stretch.

Olli Jokinen got off to a hot start with his new team — eight goals in six games — but hasn't scored in 11 games since. Keenan has to find the winning combination for him immediately.

Since Jokinen arrived, Mike Cammalleri's stick has been ice cold — two goals in 16 games. Like Jokinen, he's getting the chances, but not



Mike Keenan's job is on the line if the Flames don't get past the first round of the playoffs.

connecting.

Keenan's next moves with those snipers must be pivotal.

The power play just isn't working anymore. In the early stages of its breakdown, the Flames' power plays lacked any sense of urgency, as though it was Calgary's divine right to have the puck enter the net.

Recently, a sense of panic occupies most of the two-minute sessions. An 0-for-36 stretch in eight games will do that. Keenan's job is to strike a balance between urgency and panic.

The regression of defenceman Dion Phaneuf has been startling.

The fourth-year wonderkind has been a flop, by his standards, offensively and a train wreck defensively. Watch replays of Calgary goals allowed recently and you'll see a Phaneuf breakdown. Yet Keenan

rides him almost 30 minutes a game, much of it in key situations.

Calgary has outshot the opposition eight times in the past 12 games, yet the opposition has opened the scoring 10 times compared to two for the Flames.

Something is amiss with goalie Miikka Kiprusoff.

Keenan has made his bed this year on playing Kiprusoff to exhaustion.

Having not granted backup Curtis McElhinney the experience to gain confidence, Keenan has no fall-back plan.

He'll have to go with Kiprusoff in the weekend series against Edmonton to stay ahead of Vancouver.

A couple weeks from now, winning that division title may seem like the holiest of victories.

**The Hockey News**  
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## Tiger all the talk at Augusta

**GOLF** Tiger Woods has dominated much of the talk ahead of Thursday's opening round at the Masters where the world number one will be bidding to win his 15th major title.

A four-time champion at Augusta National, Woods will be competing in his first major since his play-off victory at the U.S. Open in June before he was sidelined for eight months while recovering from reconstructive knee surgery.

"When you get to the bigger stage, Tiger is the top dog and he deserves the attention with what he's done," British Open

champion Padraig Harrington told reporters while preparing for the year's first major.

"He's coming back from injury, it's a fantastic story and it's good to be told." Woods has appeared in only three PGA Tour events since making his much anticipated return to the circuit, but he triumphed in his most recent

start, at the Arnold Palmer Invitational 10 days ago.

The biggest challenge at Augusta comes on the slick, severely sloping greens and Woods has become well acquainted with their nuances since making his Masters debut as an amateur in 1995.

"I feel pretty good at Augusta," said Woods.

"I know how to prepare the way I like to play the tournament."

Anticipation of the almost inevitable title challenge by Woods is one of several intriguing storylines this week.

Harrington will be bidding for a third consecutive major victory, Greg Norman returns to Augusta for the first time since 2002 and young guns such as Anthony Kim and Rory McIlroy are set to make their debuts at the Masters.

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Every spring, my next-door neighbour is the first one to prune, rake and clean up his yard of all the leaves, branches and other rubbish that is uncovered when the snow melts.

You can imagine his dismay every year when he looks at our yard, which tends to be neglected until we can no longer ignore it.

While I may have shortcomings in the area of garden and yard maintenance, I certainly like to make lists, and after some thought, here is the cleanup list that I hope will help me accomplish spring yard cleanup in a timely fashion.

Most people start thinking about yard cleanup when they notice shoots from snow-drops or crocuses poking out of the soil. When this happens, loosen and remove the mulch from around the shoots. Don't allow them to be smothered under that compacted layer of leaves and dead plant material that has accumulated over the winter.

But don't take the whole layer off just yet. Keep the unpredictable weather conditions of early spring in mind. Wait until you are

reasonably sure there will be no more snows or freezing temperatures. These early spring plants will need some protection when the departing season blows its last, desperate icy breaths.

In the meantime, you can clean the rest of the garden and yard of detritus, leaves, branches, and any trash that has blown in. Cut back perennials like Rudbeckia or Sedum or any ornamental grasses that you may have left standing over the winter.

When the weather is more consistently warm, you may remove all leafy waste from around the plants. If your soil is poor, work compost or an organic fertilizer into the soil before you plant annuals, and around perennials after they have begun to sprout.

Once the soil is exposed, spread organic mulch such as bark, wood chips or shredded leaves around perennials and over annual beds to discourage weed growth and keep soil temperature and humidity more agreeable when the sun starts to bake exposed soil. Make sure water can percolate through.

If you have grass, give it a good deep raking as soon as it starts to turn green. This stimulates growth.

Just think — by next year, you'll have yard cleanup routine down to an art.

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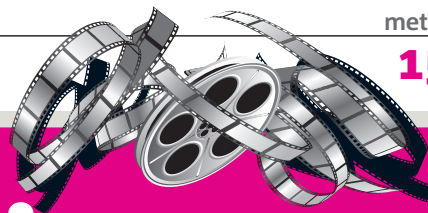
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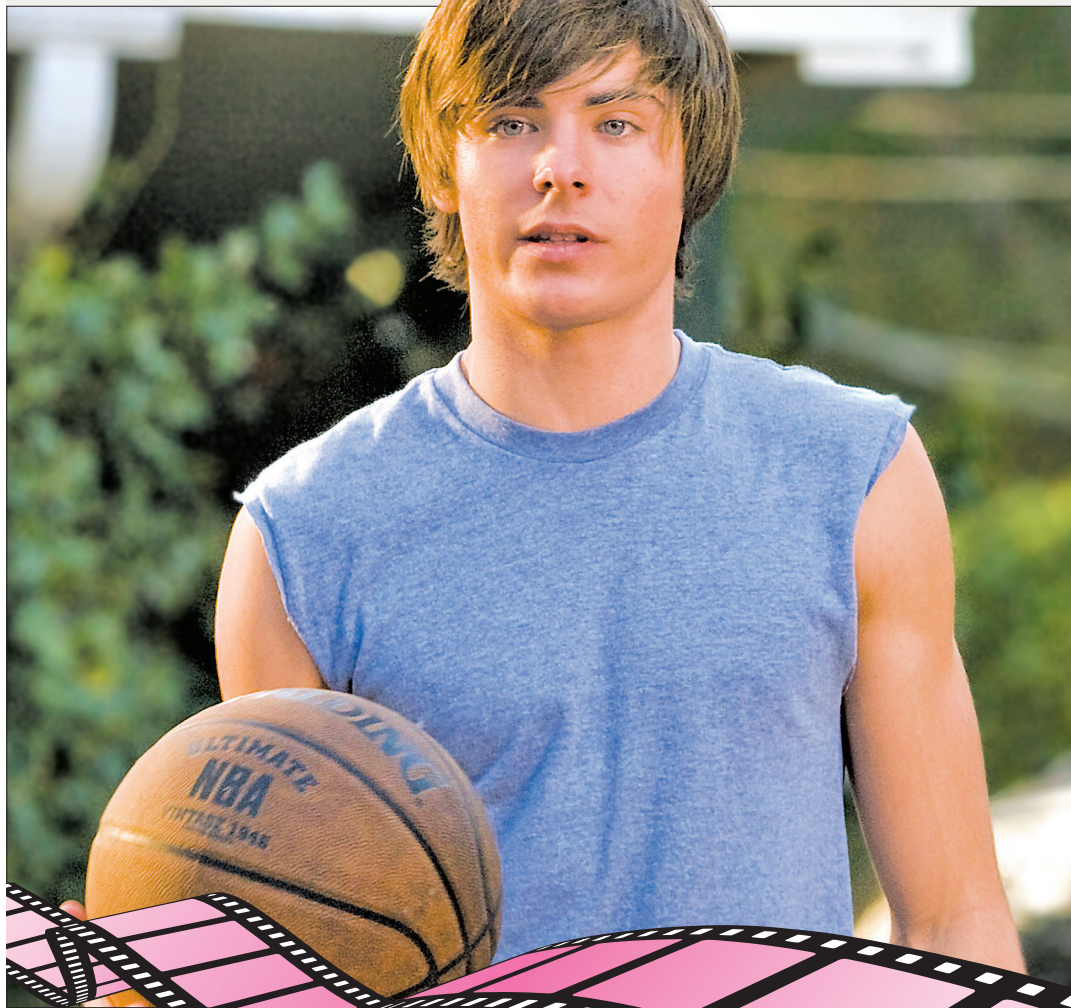
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### A new man

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The first thing you see in *17 Again* is Zac Efron sweaty and shirtless — the heartthrob as you know him. But after the opening, the story gets under way, and the Disney teen star gets his first real chance to stretch himself and mature his career.

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# Movie careers on suicide watch

### InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Two things in the last 24 hours have gotten me thinking about movie stars who seem determined to throw their careers away.

First, I saw a picture of Lindsay Lohan slumped over in the backseat of a limo. With a tangled mess of flame coloured hair obscuring her face, the former A-lister looked, to put it mildly, a little worse for the wear and tear.

Secondly, I saw *Two Lovers*, a new drama starring Joaquin Phoenix as a depressed man torn between two women. Watching his work made me wish he would go to the

barber, get a shave, stop his infantile flirtation with becoming the new Vanilla Ice and get back to doing what he does best — create interesting, layered characters for the big screen.

Both are accomplished stars — he's a two time Oscar nominee and just four years ago she won the Superstar of Tomorrow award — and both have recently been added to a long list of Hollywood actors who, through personal temperament, ego or bad management, have allowed their careers to swirl down the drain.

The most cheerless flameout of recent years has to be Tom Sizemore. After a string of arrests, failed drug tests (one involving a prosthetic penis) and a self-marketed amateur porn tape, the once formidable star of *Strange Days* and *Saving Private Ryan* has sunk so low even Paris Hilton denies having a one-night-stand with him.

Rupert Everett told the



Joaquin Phoenix's work in *Two Lovers* makes columnist Richard Crouse wish that he'd drop his rap act.

New York Times Magazine that defining his sexuality was career suicide as a leading man. "I wanted to be a movie star," he said. "I had a difficult set of cir-

cumstances to deal with, particularly for a movie career. Being gay. It just doesn't work." Times have changed since 1997 when he came out, (just ask Ian

McKellen) but the damage to Everett's career was already done. I'd further suggest making horrible movies with Madonna (remember *The Next Best*

Thing? Its 17 per cent rating at Rotten Tomatoes says it all) was the postscript on his career suicide note.

As difficult as it is to see once promising careers evaporate, like everything in this ever shifting world not even career suicide is permanent.

Just a few years ago Tom Cruise looked like he was, as Film Threat wrote, "a man on a career-suicide mission," but even after the one-two punch of bad publicity following his couch gymnastics on the Oprah show, insults to Brooke Shields and the release of the fetid *Lions For Lambs*, Cruise bounced back. He was welcomed back by a Golden Globe nomination for *Tropic Thunder*, his first major award nod in five years.

Joaquin, Lindsay, Tom and Everett take note.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; [mrchaos3@hotmail.com](mailto:mrchaos3@hotmail.com).

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# Gomorrah compelling

**Gomorrah****Director:** Matteo Garrone**Classification:** STC**Rating:** \*\*\*\*

**RAFAEL BRUSILOV**  
for Metro Canada



**Gomorrah simmers slowly but results in a more flavourful stew than if it had simply boiled over like so many lesser mob movies.**

The film traces the everyday lives of Naples' Camorra crime syndicate, an outfit thought to be much larger than the famed Sicilian Mafia. Rather than glamourize or pronounce judgment on the Camorra, the film instead weaves together five separate but related stories and let viewers come to their own conclusions.

In Gomorrah no one is innocent, although it's hard to hold it against them as the bleak economic reality makes crime the only thing that seems to pay. In one



A scene from the Italian mob film Gomorrah.

narrative, a young boy must sell out a loved one to secure a future with the gang; in another, a master counterfeiter risks everything for a lucrative, covert gig helping a rival mafia.

The fly-on-the-wall narrative director Matteo Garrone establishes with use of a hand-held camera gives the story a gritty realism

devoid of the caricatured machismo so many mob movies fall back on when they have nothing to say.

Everything is stripped and desolate, from concrete slum-jungles to abandoned gas stations. Real mob life, apparently, is no picnic of luxury cars and Versace suits.

Despite the movie's qual-

ity however, it's not without some serious flaws. It's overlong, and the five-part story tends to be disjointed, messy pastiche.

Ultimately, the first principle of storytelling is to mostly show, not tell. While Gomorrah could stand to tell a little more, what it does show is certainly compelling.

# Reinterpretation of opera magical

**The Magic Flute****Director:** Kenneth Branagh**Stars:** Joseph Kaiser, Amy Carson, Rene Pape**Classification:** STC**Rating:** \*\*

**CHRIS ALEXANDER**  
for Metro Canada



**REVIEW** Mozart's The Magic Flute is so ingrained in the collective pop cultural psyche that, even if you think you're not familiar with it, chances are that in some way shape or form, you are. From TV commercials to films, the celebrated opera is everywhere and has been staged in too many ways to accurately chart.

The latest mounting of the material comes from actor/director/Shakespeare disciple Kenneth Branagh (Henry V), and is a lavish spectacle that is bound to make more than a few purists sneer.

Taking Mozart's original German libretto and re-writing it into English (with the help of British comedian Stephen Fry, isn't the only revision Branagh inflicts upon the material. Instead of the traditional fantasy landscape, the filmmaker has transposed the action into the battlefields and muddy trenches of the First World War.

It's an interesting choice of locale but it's often at odds with the frothy mirth at the core of the opera, dulling the otherworldly impact and muting any real emotional punch.

But as offbeat a vision as it is, if you're an opera buff who's mad for Mozart, the film is most definitely worth seeing (and hearing) at least once — and if you're not, there's still ample doses of cinematic bravado to keep your eyelids wide. If nothing else, it proves, once again, that Branagh refuses to conform to the ordinary.

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**Knowing** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-2:15-10:05  
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## Billboard's top albums

1. Love, Pain & the Whole Crazy Thing, Keith Urban; 2. LotusFlow3r, Prince; 3. Quiet Nights, Diana Krall; 4. NOW 30, Various Artists; 5. Hannah Montana (Miley Cyrus, right): The Movie Soundtrack. METRO NEWS SERVICES



## Music

# Krall's sleepless nights

Jazz singer juggles motherhood, touring and recording

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI  
for Metro Canada

If it seemed like Diana Krall was taking some time off from her busy life the last couple of years, think again. She might not have been on tour, but producing a Barbra Streisand album, creating a new disc of her own, and raising twin boys is anything but a relaxing vacation.

"I haven't had more than a couple weeks off in many months," says an exhausted Krall, who has spent the last week talking to media. "I took two weeks in January, then started full on again. I wanted to do this album, and when I'm with my children I'm with my children. I haven't slept in a week."

Krall's world is only going to get busier, as she's about to embark on a five-month tour in support of her latest record, *Quiet Nights*. The disc sees the Vancouver-based artist, and wife to Elvis Costello, tackle an entire record of Bossa Nova tunes.

It's a genre she's always dabbled in — her biggest hit, the *Look of Love*, featured a Bossa Nova groove — but it's the first time she's dedicated an entire record to the Brazilian sound.

"I've always liked the genre," she says. "I've been a fan of Sergio Mendez, João Gilberto and Stan Getz for years."

But it was her partnership with arranger Claus Ogerman, who worked with Krall on *Look of Love*, that energized her interest in Bossa Nova. "It's because of Claus," she says, explaining why she made this record. "I started listening to Gilberto at Carnegie Hall and then I



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went to Brazil and got into the grooviness of the people and music there. And, since Claus worked with (Bossa Nova legend) Antonio Carlos Jobim, it just felt like this was the right direction."

Like her previous discs, Krall takes other people's tunes and makes them her own. Standouts include Burt Bacharach's *Walk On By*, Jobim's *Este Seu Olhar*, and *The Boy From Ipanema*, originally sung as *The Girl From Ipanema* by Astrud Gilberto.

Picking what tunes to perform was the hardest part of making this disc, says Krall. But she had some help. "You want to put everything on an album," she explains, "but you pay people to wisely give their very valued opinion."

One person she didn't ask for advice was her husband, but he wasn't left out of the album creating process entirely. "His input comes in after I've made the record," she says. "He's very much the artist so he helps by being supportive when I say I

really want something to be a certain way."

While Krall's new disc will be a hit among the romantic, dinner-by-candlelight types, she admits that this one isn't for the kids. "I don't think I'll play them torchy late night love songs," she says, adding that she'd rather write a kids album — with Costello — for her boys one day.

"That would be hilarious," she says. "It would be great because we could go nutty."

## Krall on tour

• Diana Krall plays the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium on April 14 & 15.



Green Day's 21st *Century Breakdown* is set for release May 15.

## New music for spring

### SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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It's not clear about something: The music industry is in great shape. More music is being made by more bands and music is being consumed by more people than at any other time in the history of the species. Gross concert revenues in 2008 were up 10 per cent, thanks to bands like Coldplay and Bon Jovi. Heck, Madonna grossed nearly \$340 million on her own. And with U2, Nickelback and Britney on the road now, 2009 will be even better.

No, the music industry is fine. It's the CD-selling industry that's having a hard time. Even with a heavily-hyped U2 album, not a single first quarter album managed to achieve platinum status. That's not good. But maybe Q2 will be better.

**Depeche Mode, *Sounds of the Universe*:** Hell is surely frozen over because songwriter/dictator Martin Gore has allowed singer Dave Gahan to contribute at least three songs to the album, the band's 12th studio release and 11th under Gore's control. Watch for a super-duper deluxe version that'll come with remixes, demos and two 84-page books. Everything hits the stores April 21

with a world tour starting in Toronto on July 24.

**Green Day, 21st Century Breakdown:** Three years in the making and five years after *American Idiot*, Green Day returns with yet another punk rock opera delivered in three acts. We were teased with a clip of the first single, *Know Your Enemy*, during the NCAA final on Monday. The full version will be on your radio by this time next week. Meanwhile, the album will hit stores on May 15.

**Billy Talent/TBA:** Ben Kowalewicz and the boys spent time in Los Angeles and Atlanta sorting out the group's third album with Brendan O'Brien (Pearl Jam, AC/DC). I don't have a title (Could it be *Billy Talent III*?), but the first single will be called *Rusted in the Rain* and is scheduled to be released May 19. Word is the guys stretch their abilities with excellent results.

**Alexisonfire, *Old Crows/Young Cardinals*:** The band's fourth album was recorded in Vancouver and Hamilton and is set to be released as far afield as Australia and South Africa. All they'll say at this point is that the album is done and it'll be released in "early summer."

**Eminem, *Relapse* and *Relapse 2*:** Marshall's back with a two-part release. We'll get the first volume May 19. Volume 2 will be a Christmas present.

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# Tragically Hip shows softer side

## The Tragically Hip

**Album:** We Are The Same

**Label:** Universal

**Rating:** ★★★★★

**THIS IS NOT** an album that's going to knock the listener through the walls with ragged guitar and rock 'n' roll angst. As a matter of fact, it will probably challenge old Hip fans still looking for another New Orleans Is Sinking. No sprawling rock anthems here. Instead we get the country calm of Morning Moon, the gentle melody of Honey Please and the grandiose Depression Suite. The three-part album centerpiece clocks in at almost 10 minutes and is held together by stately strings and Beatlesque production techniques that Bob Rock borrowed from Jeff Lynn. But always there's that nasty Hip element rolling beneath the surface, occasionally rearing its head on songs like



Love Is a First and Frozen In My Tracks. It's a fine balance of light and dark, soft and hard, old and new. Downie and company push the sound ahead, but, as always, remain Hip.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

## Neil Young

**Album:** Fork In The Road

**Label:** Warner

**Rating:** ★★★★★

**NEIL YOUNG FANS** have learned that the Winnipeg-raised legend creates music on his own terms, for better or worse. He's had a few head scratchers in his career, and his latest is another curious creation. The disc is mostly about driving fuel efficient cars and environmentalism, but bail outs, greed and general economic woes factor in too. If you can get past some of the odd lyrics, it's actually not a bad listen. There are some classic



We Are The Same is the latest album from The Tragically Hip.

Young grunge moments and folk numbers, and while most of his other work is better, this is still a thought-provoking listen.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

## Junior Boys

**Album:** Begone Dull Care

**Label:** Domino/Outside

**Rating:** ★★★★★

**LIVING ON TWO** continents often spells trouble for a band, but



not for Hamilton's Junior Boys who have created one of the most ambitious records in their young career. Flying back and forth between Hamilton and Berlin, the duo were able to craft a complex collection of minimalist, yet upbeat electro grooves and '80s melodies, based on Norman McLaren's films. The record drags a bit in the middle, but songs such as the dance floor friendly Hazel, prove the guys are moving in the right direction.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

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## Metric

**Album:** Fantasies

**Label:** Last Gang Records

**Rating:** ★★★★★

## JUST OVER HALFWAY

through this album, Metric front-vixen Emily Haines offers up the wonderful chorus question "who would you rather be The Beatles or The Rolling Stones?" It's a choice that tugs at Metric throughout the Canadian band's first album in four years. It's poppy and melodic like The Beatles, but Haines' bomb-dropping lyrics and vampish delivery add a Rolling Stones edge. Old fans will welcome back the new wave techno formula that made them indie darlings a few years ago. New converts will find fresh fantasies in Emily Haines.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada



## Classified

**Album:** Self Explanatory

**Label:** Sony Music

**Rating:** ★★★★★

**THE KITSCHY GENESIS** sample featured on Anybody Listening, the lead single from Classified's 13th album, is the only sign that Self Explanatory is the Halifax MC/producer's first major-label release. Otherwise, this 22-track record is business as usual for the consistent rap artist — good news for fans of his past releases. Beyond the expectantly dope series of melody-influenced beats, highlights include the touching narrative of Inspiration, the fiery lyricism of Trouble, Class' trademark self-deprecation throughout, and an all-star lineup of Canadian cameos.

Jason Richards/for Metro Canada

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**Sony nabs international rights to Obama documentary**

By the People: The Election of Barack Obama, which will air on HBO, has been picked up by the company. The film follows Obama from the announcement of his candidacy to his historic election and inauguration as U.S. president.

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**Entertainment**

# Don't touch 'Button'

Warner Bros. warns Bollywood against remake

**Fighting for its foothold in India's growing movie market, Warner Bros. has threatened to sue anybody planning to remake The Curious Case of Benjamin Button without its permission.**

Warners' threat appeared in local media advertisements Monday after reports that Bollywood producer Vipul Amrutlal Shah planned to make a Hindi-language film called Action Replay, in which actor Akshay Kumar would go through a reverse-aging process.

"We took the step of publishing a notice regarding the possible unauthorized remake of The Curious Case of Benjamin Button as part of that rigorous defense of our rights, and to ensure that the filmgoing public in India experience our movies in the way that they were intended," Mumbai-based Warner Bros. India told The Hollywood Reporter on Tuesday.

The ads, issued by New Delhi-based firm Lall and Sethi, say that Warners will sue anyone producing a film "either in English or Hindi or another language, having a similar script, screenplay or story line or character sketches or interplay of characters or sequence of events."

"We hope that this will serve as a deterrent to any filmmaker planning an unauthorized remake," attorney Chandler Lall said, adding that the Hollywood studio had issued similar notices in the past concerning such films as The



Brad Pitt in The Curious Case of Benjamin Button.

Departed, which reportedly is slated for a Bollywood remake by producer Sajid Nadiadwala.

The case is just the latest in a long-standing Bollywood-Hollywood dispute over intellectual property rights.

Last year, Lall and Sethi issued a notice warning against unauthorized remakes of Sony Pictures' Jerry Maguire as unconfirmed reports indicated that actor Salman Khan was planning to star in a Bollywood

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Warner Bros. India

remake of the Tom Cruise hit.

Also last year, Warner Bros. took the producers of the Indian film Hari Puttar: A Comedy of Terrors to court, arguing that its name was too similar to the studio's Harry Potter franchise.

The case was dismissed by the Delhi High Court, which said that the Harry Potter books are for "a different class of consumer who will not confuse Harry Potter with Hari Puttar."

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## Big Winner

• The Curious Case of Benjamin Button was one of the most acclaimed films of 2008. It won three Oscars at this year's Academy Awards and was nominated in an additional 10 categories.

## Actors released from Saudi prison

**DUBAI** A group of TV actors in Saudi Arabia have been released from prison after being arrested for mixing with members of the opposite sex.

The actors, stars of the Saudi TV series Ayyamu Al Surab (The Mirage Days), were filming in a hotel lobby in the capital city of Riyadh when they came to the attention of the religious police, who prohibit the mixing of men and women in public. They were arrested March 30.

The actors were released without charge after signing an agreement not to film in a mixed-gender group in public again. Saudi Arabia has strict laws governing the mixing

of unrelated men and women.

The actors are well known in the region.

"Although it's not that common, it happens, and the religious police do it to show they have power," said one Saudi media and political consultant who wished to remain anonymous.

"The backlash online has been massive. It's negative to Saudi and Saudi cinema," the consultant said, adding that actors and filmmakers in Saudi Arabia struggle to be creative under draconian laws. "(The arrests) will only be counterproductive."

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## Oscar-winning songwriter steps down from top position at ASCAP

**MUSIC** Oscar-winning songwriter Marilyn Bergman is stepping down as president and CEO of ASCAP, a music-royalties collection group that also lobbies on behalf of composers and copyright owners, the organization said on Wednesday.

Bergman, 82, had led the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers for 15 years, but will remain on the board of directors. Her successor will be elected during a board meeting later this month.

In a statement, she said it was "the right time" to step aside, because of a number of music projects she is developing with her husband, Alan Bergman.

The Bergmans won three songwriting Academy Awards for their work on the original The Thomas Crown Affair, and the Barbra Streisand films The Way We Were and Yentl. They were nominated on 13 other occasions.

The couple just completed work on Steven Soderbergh's upcoming film, The Informant, and have a number of other projects in the hopper.

While at ASCAP, Bergman helped lobby for some key pieces of legislation, including a 1998 law that extended copyright protection by 20 years - to the life of the author plus 70 years.

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Nickelodeon has green-lighted pilots for two live-action comedies — one about a pair of taco-loving, wave-chasing surfers and the other a show (from Conan O'Brien's production company) about three telepathic high-schoolers. **REUTERS**

## Television

# Leno brings comic relief to Motor City

In a nod to the gloomy economy, late-night comedian Jay Leno hosted a show Tuesday to lift the battered spirits of Detroit residents facing steep unemployment and a faltering auto industry.

The host of NBC's The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, a celebrated car buff, presented a "comedy stimulus plan" to a packed house.

"The idea is just come on

down, hopefully forget your troubles for a while, other people are in the same boat as you are and maybe take some of the weight off, that's all," Leno said of the show, which was planned before Washington re-

jected turn-around plans from General Motors Corp. and Chrysler in March. Intro-

duced by hometown hero Kid Rock, Leno launched into an 80-minute monologue aimed at anyone and anything from U.S. presidents to air travel and life in Los Angeles.

He riffed on cars, the price of gasoline and ads for Jaguar and Lexus, but steered clear of Detroit, or

the struggling U.S. carmakers, as a butt of his jokes.

Leno thanked union members, whose parents and grandparents "created the middle class in America" and told a roaring audience, "God bless Detroit." "It's bad, but it's not that bad. Things will turn around, they have before," he said.

About 15,000 tickets were distributed for shows on Tuesday and Wednesday. Parking and soft drinks were free, and other items were discounted as sponsors chipped in to offset the costs.

Detroit was hard hit by the auto industry's troubles and crumbling housing prices even before the latest economic downturn that has pushed U.S. unemployment to 25-year highs.

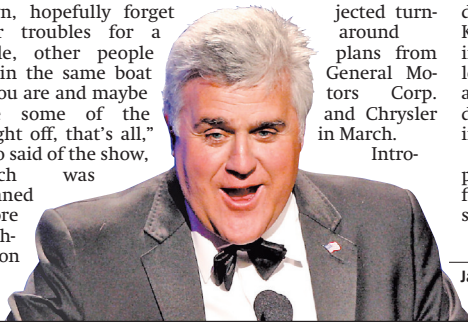
Thousands of fans waited patiently to see the show, which Leno said was aimed at cheering up anyone down on their luck.

"We are just here for a very good time," said Al Held, who made the trip to Michigan from Indianapolis and said that business was down dramatically in recent months.

"It is just a chance to forget about that for a couple of hours, and freeze," he said as he waited outside the arena.

A.J. Frantz of Mount Clemens said he just wanted to get back to driving a truck. "No matter how hard it gets, I'm going to stay right here in Michigan," he said. "I'm a pure 100 per cent optimist. You've got to love life."

**REUTERS**



Jay Leno

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- 4	OMNI	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News		News		The Simpsons	King	Metrolia
371 5	KKLY	4 News at 6:30	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Wife Swap		Supernanny (N)		20/20 (N)
245 306 6	CBRT	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate (N)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
244 338 7	CICT	Malcolm-Mid.	Entertainment	NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)		Howie Do It (N)	Howie Do It (N)	(10:01) Dollhouse (N)		News Hour
246 - 8	KCAL	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker		Departures		Out There	Out There	Your City
- 372 12	KREM	News (N)	Hollywood	The Doctors		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)		NUMB3RS
- 374 14	KSPS	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		NOW on PBS	Being Served	Vicar of Dibley
- 370 16	KHO	News (N)	Be-Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	Howie Do It (N)	Howie Do It (N)	Friday Night Lights (N)		Dateline NBC
- 373 22	KAYU	The Simpsons	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Sarah Connor Chronicles		(10:01) Dollhouse (N)		News (N)
502 390 15	CBC	CBC News: The National		India Reborn (Part 4 of 4)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		India Reborn
500 500 29	CNN	Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)				Larry King Live		Cooper 360
501 391 52	CTV	CTV Newsnet		News	CTV Newsnet	News		News	CTV Newsnet	News
400 400 21	TSN	Curling: World Men's Championship		SportsCentre				Golf The Masters -- Second Round. (HDTV)		
408 418 27	net	NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at Edmonton Oilers. (HDTV) (Live)		Sportsnet Con.				Sportsnet Connected		Oilers in Hour
552 543 20	YTV	iCarly	Family Biz (N)	LoveWrecked (2006, Adventure)	Amanda Bynes.			Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz
557 541 39	FAM	Sonny Chance	Sonny Chance	Sonny Chance	Camp Rock (2008, Musical Comedy)			(10:05) Smart House (1999, Comedy)		
- 18	CHTV	The Insider (N)	E News	Are You Smarter		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		Friday Night Lights (N)		What Happen?
603 561 25	FOOD	Bobby Flay	Dinner Imposs.	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay
615 520 26	A&E	CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds "Doubt"		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami
617 522 32	SHOW	(6) Stargate & Hutch		Men With Brooms ** (2002, Comedy)	Paul Gross.			Trail Park Boys: The Movie * (2006)		
520 505 35	DISC	Man vs. Wild		Forensic Factor (N)		Daily Planet		Man vs. Wild		Heil-Loggers
628 584 43	SPIKE	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Shocking Moments		Shocking Moments		World's Most Shocking		GameTrailers
522 516 45	HIST	Inside the Vietnam War		Inside the Vietnam War		Inside the Vietnam War		Saving Private Ryan **** (1998, War)		
581 566 102	MTV	Nitro Circus	Fantasy Fact.	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	MTV Live	Cribs	Real World-Road Rules		Fantasy Fact.

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- 4	OMNI	Omni News: Mandarin		Assembly (2007, Drama)				Chinese Entrepreneurs (N)		Chinese Rest.
371 5	KKLY	News	The Insider (N)	The Ten Commandments *** (1956, Historical Drama)	Charlton Heston, Yul Brynner.					
245 306 6	CBRT	NHL Hockey		NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Calgary Flames. (HDTV) (Live)				HNIC -- After Hours		
244 338 7	CICT	ET Canada	Masterminds	Triage: Dr. James Orbinski		Doc		Doc		News (N)
246 - 8	KCAL	Without a Trace		Murdoch Mysteries		Framed for Murder (2007, Drama)	Elisa Donovan.			The City Show
- 372 12	KREM	News (N)	Scrubs	A New Smile, a New Life		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Without a Trace (HDTV)		48 Hr. Mystery
- 374 14	KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show		Jack Benny	Time Goes By	Hotel Rwanda *** (2004, Drama)	Don Cheadle.			Rita Rudner
- 370 16	KHO	News (N)	Judge Judy	CSI: NY (HDTV)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Southern "Pilot" (HDTV)		Law & Order
- 373 22	KAYU	House		Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)
502 390 15	CBC	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	CBC News: the fifth estate (N)		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	fifth estate
500 500 29	CNN	Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley Breaks the News		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		Newsroom
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400 400 21	TSN	(5:30) Golf The Masters -- Third Round.		SportsCentre		NASCAR Racing		Nationwide Series -- Pepsi 300. (HDTV)		
408 418 27	net	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Arizona Diamondbacks.		The Ultimate Fighter		Saturday Night Poker		Sportsnet Con.		
552 543 20	YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	The Karate Kid, Part Two ** (1986)		Action! Ralph Macchio.		
557 541 39	FAM	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Jumanji ** (1995, Fantasy)		E News
- 18	CHTV	Chef School	E News	A Daughter's Conviction (2006, Mystery)	Brooke Nevin.			Show Yours	G-Spot	
603 561 25	FOOD	Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Hell's Kitchen		The F Word		Challenge Awards cake.		Ult. Recipe
615 520 26	A&E	(6) Independence Day *** (1996, Science Fiction)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Cleaverella (2007, Suspense)	Ever Carradine.	Independence Day (1996, Science Fiction)		Mr-Mrs Smith
617 522 32	SHOW	Wife Swap		Mutant X		Guinea Pig		Destroyed	Time Warp	Criss Angel
520 505 35	DISC	Destroyed	Time Warp	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Guinea Pig		Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Ult. Fighter
628 584 43	SPIKE	Ultimate Fighting Championship 94: St. Pierre vs. Penn 2 (HDTV) (N)		NCIS "Driven"		Crime Stories		Spy Game ** (2001, Suspense)		
522 516 45	HIST	Ice Road Truckers		Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live
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243 317 3	CFNC	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: TNG	The Mentalist (HDTV)		The Amazing Race 14		Southland "Pilot" (HDTV)		News (N)
- 4	OMNI	Without a Trace		King	King	Bollywood Boulevard		Chinese Entrepreneurs		Chard Kalaa
371 5	KKLY	News	Storm Stories	Funnies Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition	Kadzie Family (N)	Housewives		Housewives
245 306 6	CBRT	Test the Nation: Sports		The Unit "Whiplash" (N)		Diamonds (2009, Drama)	James Purefoy, Derek Jacobi.	CBC News		CBC News
244 338 7	CICT	16.9 Picture	King of the Hill	2Half Men	Hates Chris	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
246 - 8	KCAL	Two/Half Men	Friends	60 Minutes		The Amazing Race 14		Rock of Love Bus		Reviews
- 372 12	KREM	News (N)		Nature (DVS)		Masterpiece Classic "Little Dorrit" (N)		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		The Unit
- 374 14	KSPS	Lark Rise to Candleford		Dateline NBC		The Celebrity Apprentice (N)		West Coast		Mid-5
- 370 16	KHO	News	Paired Program	American Dad	King of the Hill	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
- 373 22	KAYU	House		March of the Penguins *** (2005, Documentary)		CBC News: Sunday Night		CBC News: Sunday Night		March-Penguin
502 390 15	CBC	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom
500 500 29	CNN	Larry King Live		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
501 391 52	CTV	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		SportsCentre		Golf The Masters -- Final Round. (HDTV)		Sportsnet Connected		Poker
400 400 21	TSN	Curling: Men's Championship		(6) MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee Brewers.		Sportsnet Connected		In Real Life		Adrenaline Proj
408 418 27	net	Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory *** (1971, Fantasy)		That's-Raven	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Only You ** (1994, Romance-Comedy)		
552 543 20	YTV	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition	Kadzie Family (N)			The Celebrity Apprentice (N)		
557 541 39	FAM	Inside Hollywood		Iron Chef America		The Sopranos (HDTV)		Get on Plate	Food Detective	Iron Chef Am.
- 18	CHTV	Inside Hollywood		The Sopranos (HDTV)		The Sopranos (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
603 561 25	FOOD	Iron Chef America		The Guard (HDTV)		The Haunting of Sorority Row (2007)		Drama! Leighton Meester.		Damages
615 520 26	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		MythBusters		Anthony Bourdain		Who Sank the Titanic		MANswers
617 522 32	SHOW	Mr-Mrs Smith	Trailer Park	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		MANswers	MANswers	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	MANswers
520 505 35	DISC	Sank, Titanic	Time Warp (N)	NCIS "Suspicion"		Carlos the Jackal		The Jackal ** (1997, Suspense)		
628 584 43	SPIKE	World's Scariest Police Stings		Cribs	Cribs	After	MTV News	Made Hip hop dancer.		Cribs
522 516 45	HIST	Dogfights	Victoria Cross							
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**The Hills are still alive — for female fans**

The fifth season premiere of MTV reality show *The Hills* had the highest TV ratings among females aged 12-24 and 18-24. The back-to-back episodes averaged three million viewers, down about 15 percent from last season. [INTOUCHWEEKLY.COM](http://INTOUCHWEEKLY.COM)

## Television

# Harper's TV and web conquest

BRIAN COULTON  
for Metro Canada

To date, the tension between television and online video can be largely characterized by one adage: Divide and conquer.

Broadcasters affirm television's strength amid declining viewership and advertisement revenue, while online seems to constantly increase its audience, but struggles to find a way to turn those eyes into income.

But the new faction of Harper's Island and Harper's Globe is trying to put that polarity out to pasture, instead considering the battling platforms as separate but equal.

Harper's Island is the 13-week modern murder mystery, following 25 characters that surround a wedding and reunion on the eponymous island. Week by week, one or more characters are killed off the



Harper's Island characters Henry and Abby look for clues in the attic.

primetime soap-like show, leading to discovery of the murderer by the show's conclusion.

It's supplemented with Harper's Globe, the online "webisode" and social network named for the island newspaper. The online content is different, large-

ly filmed in confessional-style and supported by blogs and interaction by Robin, the new-to-the-island journalist.

"Before Robin came onto the site, viewers were already on there, creating their own profile pages, forming a community and

getting to know each other," said Melanie Merkosky, the Calgary actress that plays Robin.

The foray into online video is nothing new for Merkosky, who now calls herself an "online junkie." Before Harper's Island, she was a leading character on

**"People ... look at (the Internet) as a viable entertainment platform."**

Melanie Merkosky

YouTube viral video sensation, lonelygirl15.

"I do think entertainment is headed toward the Internet and people are now starting to look at it as a viable entertainment platform," said Merkosky.

While she didn't set out to solely act online, she said the intrigue of lonelygirl15 drew her to her subsequent online incarnation. "I was just more intrigued by the idea of both of them."

Unlike lonelygirl15, however, the Harper hybrid must balance the pair of mediums for their respective audiences. While content may be different, Merkosky said the two stories are completely

connected.

"The plot lines overlap, the characters criss-cross and it's really bringing two different audiences together. If you're going to start moving toward the trend of doing online programming, I think this is the best way to go because it's still directly related and intertwined with the TV program."

Correlation aside, Merkosky admitted online continues to have a content advantage over television, carrying fewer restrictions than the regulated tube.

"We were allowed to show more and do scarier things than you would see on network TV. There is definitely a campy element to it, like *Scream*, but it's a lot scarier."

## Series premiere

• Harper's Island begins airing Thursday on Global TV.

## A&E on hunt for Fugitive in new series

**DOCUDRAMA** A&E is blending its signature genres of reality and scripted dramas into *The Fugitive Chronicles*, a new hybrid docudrama series.

The show will chronicle some of the most compelling fugitive captures of the past 20 years, telling the stories from the perspective of both the hunter and the hunted.

Cinematic reconstructions will be used in a style similar to the *verité* technique, based on interviews with police — snippets of which will be featured.

The fugitives' point of view will be represented through correspondence with the criminal, as well as court documents and transcripts.

The nine-episode series is expected to premiere this year.

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## Kenya's Style

### Kenya Hunt

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## critics' corner

### Parks and Recreation

Filmed in the same faux-documentary style as *"The Office,"* this sitcom takes viewers inside the local government offices of Pawnee, Ind., where midlevel bureaucrat Leslie Knope (Amy Poehler) tries to cut through red tape and obstructive officials to beautify her town and advance her career. Rashida Jones, Aziz Ansari, Nick Offerman and Paul Schneider also star. 9:30 PM on CKAL KHQ



### The Dark Crystal

Muppetmeister Jim Henson and company did a first-rate job with the elaborate effects in this 1982 fantasy, made in the dark ages before *"Toy Story"* and *"Shrek"* did it all with computers. With the fate of the world hanging in the balance, two elflike creatures called Gelflings must restore a broken piece of the titular crystal, making it whole again and bringing about the return of peace and harmony. Steven Garlick and Lisa Maxwell head the voice cast. 10:30 PM on TOON

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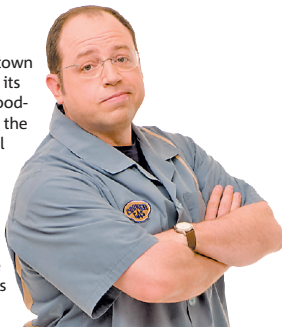
In yesterday's Metro, unfortunately an incomplete recipe appeared from Barb Holland for Hot Cross Buns. Please visit [metronews.ca/food](http://metronews.ca/food) for the full recipe. Metro apologizes for the error. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Going Out

Metro's 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

## 1 The final episode of Corner Gas

**TV** The fictional town of Dog River and its quirky residents will bid goodbye to TV viewers April 13, the day when CTV airs the final episode of the popular Canadian sitcom created by Brent Butt (pictured, right). In tribute, Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall has declared the fateful Monday 'Corner Gas Day.'



## 2 Writing iPhone applications

**BUSINESS** As jobs start to dry up, software experts are trying to bite off a bit of this Apple pie. The formula's simple: write an application for the ubiquitous gadget, put it on sale on the software company's online store, and wait for consumers to get hooked on to your product. According to a recent New York Times article, many coding nerds are making enough cash from sales to quit their jobs, even in times like these.



## 3 Job pitches on TV

**TREND** Resumes are so pre-recession. The New England Job Show, a new Massachusetts-based public cable access production, is now allowing hungry job seekers to record 30-second commercials, where they pitch themselves to prospective employers.

## 4 Miroir Noir

**DVD** Hipsters, take notice. Canada's indie demigods Arcade Fire have released a new DVD chronicling the recording of their second album Neon Bible and performances from the subsequent tour. The website Pitchfork.tv is currently streaming the 70-minute documentary.



## 5 Observe and Report

**FILM** Seth Rogen sheds the image of the lovable, pot-smoking, slightly overweight dude for an edgier persona in this Jody Hill-helmed film. The Canadian actor plays a mall security guard with bipolar disorder who takes it upon himself to protect his territory and the girl of dreams (Anna Faris), from a flasher.

## 6 Kal Penn

**ACTOR** Harold and Kumar go to White House? Kind of. The Barack Obama administration has hired Kal Penn, the actor who shot to fame playing a slacker in the Harold and Kumar series, to help the U.S. president connect with Asian-American communities.

## 7 My Flow So Tight: Smoke Jumpers

**SONG** Who can resist a little Chris Brown-bashing these days? This song, featuring the repeated line "Chris Brown should get his ass kicked," is getting heavy airplay on major radio stations across the U.S. The hip hop group's website is hyping the tune as "the official Chris Brown dis record."

## Mix of Six

## Contemporary Pictographs

When: Until April 25. Gallery open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Where: The New Gallery – 225 – 8 Ave SW

The Marjie Crop Eared Wolf photo exhibit is at The New Gallery. This Lethbridge based artist's exhibit that depicts native themes in the urban environment is only in town until April 25 – now's the time to take a look.

## Dueling Piano

When: Every Friday night, 8 p.m. and 12 a.m. until May 29  
Where: Ceili's Irish Pub  
Rowdy rock 'n' roll, spontaneous sing-along, gags and audience participation are all part of the act. Top piano players spar off with their best chops and get the whole room singing and laughing along. For reservations please contact Andi at 403-265-1200 or visit [ceilis.com](http://ceilis.com).

## Spring Fever

When: Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Fort Calgary Historic Park

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## Roughnecks versus the Chicago Shamrox

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Pengrowth Saddledome – 206-11 Ave SE

It's a great sports weekend in Calgary with the Roughnecks ready to hit the play-off as the top team in the NLL. Join them this weekend against their foes from the Windy City. Ticket prices vary.

## Benny Benassi

When: Sunday night  
Where: Flames Central

The popular DJ will spin for Calgarians Easter Sunday at the large and popular venue. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster, Giant 45 and Underground. Doors open at 8 p.m. and the show starts at 9 p.m.

## Glow bowling

When: Fridays and Saturdays, 7 to 11 p.m.

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## Tracey Ullman honoured

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## Music

# Going the musical distance

## Ocean no obstacle for electro-pop duo Junior Boys

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI  
For Metro Canada

Recording an album when your bandmate lives across an ocean from you can be tricky, but if you're as determined as Hamiltonian-based band The Junior Boys, distance is no obstacle to creating good music.

To record their new disc, *Begone Dull Care*, the electro duo, which features Jeremy Greenspan and Matt Didemus, didn't share MP3s via email. Instead they laid down tracks the old fashioned way, by traveling between Hamilton and Berlin — where Didemus lives — to work on music face to face.

"It was expensive, but it worked out because I got elite status on Air Canada now," jokes Greenspan. "I wasn't interested in doing that whole sending things off. We're big believers that the equipment and conditions all play a central role in where music is going to go. For us patching things



*Begone Dull Care* the new album from The Junior Boys (Jeremy Greenspan, left, and Matt Didemus) is now available in stores.

together through MSN doesn't seem exciting."

That being said, the two some did write things independent of one another, so it wasn't like they were racking up long distance charges discussing each musical move. That separation, says Greenspan, is another reason why trading emails didn't make sense for them. "Because of that impendence it was even more important that we

didn't swap files," he says.

While they might have produced a solid album if they had just sent each other MP3s, after listening to the album, which is based around the films of Canadian filmmaker Normal McLaren, it's easy to see why they had to write this together. The disc is easily their most meticulous record of their career, though, Greenspan says, they tried to make it sound

### On tour

- The Junior Boys play the Warehouse Thursday night.

spontaneous. That was a challenge that McLaren dealt with as well, Greenspan explains.

"He was attacking a problem I dealt with — how do I make something feel like it's free flowing despite the fact it's been very difficult to make," says the Junior Boys vocalist. "We don't just write songs in two or three instruments, it's much more complicated than that."

Greenspan hasn't quite figured out how to reconcile those opposing forces, but he does think "the tension between being spontaneous and complex creates a unique thing."

In the end the band created a spare, yet upbeat collection of airy tunes, layered with electro sounds and, in a few cases, '80s grooves.

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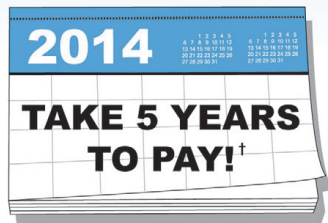
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Actress Leah Remini (of The King of Queens fame) will star in the ABC comedy pilot Don't Try This at Home. The show examines marriage and parenthood through the eyes of three couples. Matthew Lillard will play Remini's husband. **REUTERS**

## Entertainment

# Holmes makes it right in Big Easy

ROBYN YOUNG  
for Metro Canada



When Mike Holmes took his crew to New Orleans to rebuild a home destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, he was shocked by the damage that remained nearly three

years after the destructive storm.

"You go downtown New Orleans, it's a beautiful old city and everything looks fine, you go ten minutes outside the city and there's devastation everywhere," he said.

In the Lower 9th Ward, the hardest hit district

**"The show isn't just about building a house, it's about what really happened to the people."**

Mike Holmes

when the levees broke, shattered glass, shrubs and rusting cars still lie in 12-foot high piles, he said.

"And to this day, the

streetlights are still not turned on."

Holmes, famous for his HGTV show Holmes on Homes in which he helps

homeowners repair bungled renovation projects, spent almost three months in the broken city last summer building a disaster-proof home for a family in need.

The result — Holmes in New Orleans — will aired on Global in a two-hour, two-night special this week.

It will air on HGTV in a six-hour, six-week series starting tonight at 8 p.m. ET.

Both broadcasts chronicle Holmes and his crew as they work through a sweltering Louisiana summer and torrential rainstorms to build a LEED-platinum certified home able to withstand a category five hurricane.

"So if the levees ever broke, it's not going to knock it over, it's not going to wash away, it's not going to fall down," said the affable handyman.

The show includes a guest appearance by Brad

Pitt, founder of the Make it Right New Orleans Foundation.

Holmes connected with Pitt after Katrina hit because the actor's foundation challenges architects and builders to help rebuild the Lower 9th Ward sustainably.

During the 10 weeks they spent in the Big Easy, Holmes and his crew rebuilt the home of Gloria Guy who, just before Katrina, became the caregiver of a brood of grandchildren.

The 68-year-old tells a harrowing tale of being trapped by the flood after the hurricane and using a hatchet to free herself from the attic, climbing onto her roof and waiting 10 hours to be rescued.

"The show isn't just about building a house, it's really what happened to the people," said Holmes. "And in between you're going to see the world's best house being built."

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Mike Holmes and his team travel to New Orleans for an HGTV special tonight.

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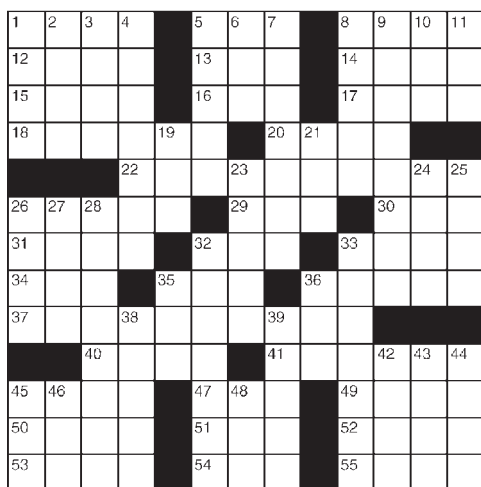


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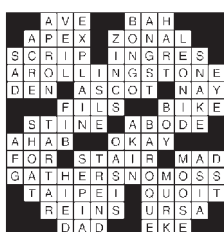
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16 Pitch  
17 Supermarket supply  
18 Constant sufferer  
20 Do laps in the pool  
22 Irregularity  
26 Pivots  
29 Plagiarize  
30 "The Matrix" role  
31 Round of applause  
32 "Holy mackerel!"
- 33 Cribbage scorers  
34 Scratch (out)  
35 Guy's partner  
36 Tapestry  
37 Staff addition  
40 Mother of Don Juan  
41 Pollen-producing organ  
45 Nix a bill  
47 Hooter  
49 Pop flavour  
50 Detail  
51 Born  
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55 "OK"

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3 Twosome  
4 Allayed  
5 Extreme  
6 Vast expanse  
7 Blue Angels' performance  
8 Woody home  
9 San Francisco newspaper  
10 Delve  
11 Curvy character  
19 "Indeed"  
21 Symbol of intrigue  
23 Billy Goats Gruff foe  
24 Nintendo rival  
25 Velvety forest growth
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27 Huron, for one  
28 Like a first draft  
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### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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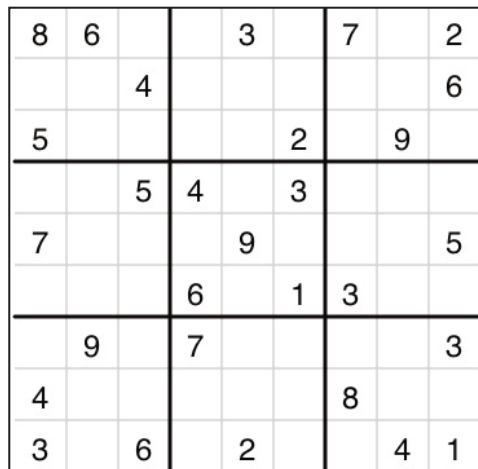
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### Metro Recipe of the Day



### Baltimore Seafood Cakes

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 slices dry bread  
1/2 cup (125 ml) milk  
2 cans (4 oz/120 g) fresh crab meat  
1/2 lb (250 g) peeled, cooked shrimp  
2 large eggs  
2 tsp (10 ml) Dijon mustard  
1 tsp (15 ml) Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 cup (125 ml) ground almonds  
A large pinch of cayenne pepper

1 tbsp (15 ml) mayonnaise

A handful of fresh parsley

#### COATING:

1/3 cup (75 ml) all-purpose flour

1 1/2 cups (375 ml) dried breadcrumbs

Canola oil for frying

#### METHOD:

1. Soak both slices of bread in milk 5 minutes. Flake crab meat, put into a bowl, chop shrimp and add to the crab.

2. Separate eggs and set whites aside. Add yolks, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, almonds, cayenne

and mayonnaise to crab.

Rinse, dry and chop enough parsley for 1 tbsp (15 ml) and add to bowl.

3. Squeeze bread dry, add to crab and stir until soft but not sloppy; add some breadcrumbs if mixture is too moist.

4. For coating: put flour onto one plate and breadcrumbs onto another.

Whisk 1 tbsp (15 ml) water into egg whites. Divide crab mixture into eight portions and shape into cakes. Dip into flour, shake off excess, then dip into egg whites and coat with breadcrumbs.

5. Heat 1/2 in. (1 cm) oil in large frying pan over fairly high heat. Fry fish cakes 2-3 minutes per side until crisp and golden, then drain on paper towels and serve two per person.

**SERVES 4**



### Horoscopes

#### ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Money-making leads to troublemaking. An intolerant loser makes a new rule. Hope fades when too much is at stake.



#### TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

A dealer thinks that sticking to the facts is irrational. A power surge breaks someone down. Predictability lets you make corrections.



#### LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

A wise man wants to relocate. Ruthlessness can't be ignored. Learn to speak softly if you wish to be convincing.



#### SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Be candid to boost your personal appeal. Others should respect your hard work. A small but pushy guy makes a difference.



#### GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

It's too late to repair certain things. Apply yourself to more enlightening matters. Problems cause a commotion and life continues.



#### SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Don't stay too late with a friend. A stubborn traitor takes on a starring role. Developing your skills takes up time.



#### CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Great expectations generate a unique opportunity. A cheater creates upheaval by refusing to be amusing. Don't run with scissors in hand.



#### CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

An alienated friend thinks you look worried. You'll meet a stranger who bores you to tears. Refuse to comply with unfair orders.



#### LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

A crook doesn't have the answer you need. A good mood will heal a touchy-feely person. A loner develops the ability to communicate.



#### AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

You'll bravely face a stressful situation. Good fortune produces stability. Include an intriguing person in your fun.



#### VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

A manager makes a reasonable choice. A free spirited person insists on sharing things. A champion has a problem with conforming.



#### PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

Family members create unpredictable anxiety. Poverty wastes a woman's good humour. Discouraged people seem to be utterly ridiculous.



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Anne Hathaway will not be working with Marc Jacobs, despite rumours circulating this week that she will star in his latest ad campaign, femalefirst.co.uk says. Reports had been rife that she would become the designer's muse. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Rumours shot down**

## Celebrity Buzz

### Madonna sent funds to Italy

**DONATION** When a devastating earthquake struck the Abruzzo region of Italy on Monday, the mayor of the hamlet of Pacentro made an appeal for help to the granddaughter of two former townspeople, people.com.

Madonna, whose paternal grandparents lived in Pacentro until 1919, made a "substantial donation" for the relief effort following the 6.3 magnitude quake that left more than 200 dead, says her publicist Liz Rosenberg. The rep wouldn't give the amount, but a source says it's about \$500,000.

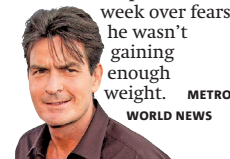
"I am happy to lend a helping hand to the town that my ancestors are from," Madonna tells People. "My heart goes out to the families that have lost loved ones or their homes."



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### Sheen's son back from hospital

**HEALTH** Charlie Sheen's baby son Max has been released from hospital after battling weight issues, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Max and his twin brother Bob were born two weeks premature and the tot was admitted to a Los Angeles-area hospital last



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# Tears, humiliation follow split

**DRAMA** Samantha Ronson may have split from Lindsay Lohan, but she doesn't need help from the law to keep them apart, people.com reports.

The Beverly Hills cops confirmed that Ronson's family members asked about a restraining order following

ing the couple's recent breakup. But Ronson's attorney, David Bass, tells People: "Samantha has no plan to request a restraining order. There is no basis for one."

And a source close to the deejay offers this spin: "Sam does not want a restraining order against Lindsay Lohan. Sam had nothing to do with the restraining order against Lindsay that the po-

lice are talking about."

Adds the source: "She thinks the whole thing is absurd."

On Friday, Ronson, 31, and her family blocked Lohan, 22, from the I Heart Ronson bash at Bar Marmont, an event celebrating Charlotte Ronson's clothing line. Though Lohan was banned from the party, another source says that she and Ronson "are totally

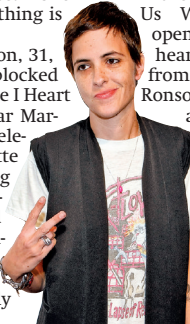
communicating."

In the newest issue of Us Weekly, Lohan opens up about her heartbreaking split from Samantha Ronson, the "humiliating" weekend showdown with Ronson's family, and says that friends' fears she is suicidal are unfounded. "It's ab-

solute hell," Lohan told Us on Monday in a far-ranging interview over several lengthy phone calls and emails where she was agitated, crying and baffled by the turn of events.

Lohan says she's "so alone" without Ronson, the magazine adds.

"Everyone's turned on me," says the actress. She tells the magazine that the night of the Chateau showdown, Nicole Richie walked by her and said, "Uck." **METRO WORLD NEWS**



## Halle happiest at home

**PEOPLE** Halle Berry has several reasons to stay at home: A one-year-old baby, a hot boyfriend and celebrity that makes being in public uncomfortable, people.com reports.

Admitting her guiltiest pleasure to May's Harper's Bazaar, the Oscar winner, 42, says her current addiction is "very boring, but I buy baby clothes online. Nahla can't wear all the clothes I've bought, and we don't go anywhere because I can't deal with the paparazzi."

On the overstuffed closets for the baby, boyfriend

Gabriel Aubrey is sympathetic — though only up to a point.

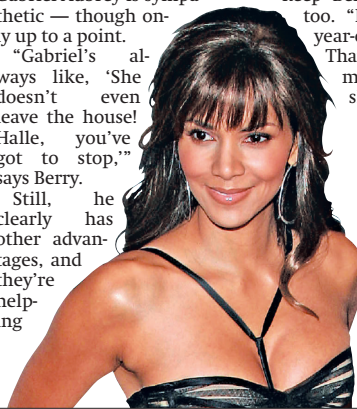
"Gabriel's all ways like, 'She doesn't even leave the house! Halle, you've got to stop,'" says Berry.

Still, he clearly has other advantages, and they're helping

keep Berry at home, too. "I have a 33-year-old man."

That'll keep your mojo mojo in," she declares.

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## Jess dropped by label

**CAREER** Jessica Simpson has been dropped by her record label, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The star's short-lived career as a country artist could be over as it has been confirmed she is no longer represented by Sony Nashville.

A representative for Jessica, 28, insists the arrangement with the company was only temporary and will now focus her attentions on pop.

The spokesperson said: "She was on loan to Sony Nashville for her country album. She is and has al-

ways been an Epic artist and continues to be on Epic's label."

Although Jessica's re-launch as a country artist in 2008 was controversial — particularly among the genre's traditionalists, who didn't like her pop star past — her album Do You Know reached number one in the U.S. country charts and sold over 100,000 copies.

She was booed at her first country music concert last July, snubbed from the Country Music Association Awards in November and was heavily criticized while supporting Rascal Flatts earlier this year.

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## Pam thrilled with new beau

**RELATIONSHIPS** Pamela Anderson is getting cozy with her latest boyfriend, scuba diver Jamie Padgett — and her kids approve.

"They just like that mommy's

happy. They're happy, mommy's happy, we're all happy." Anderson told Hollyscoop. But is a fourth walk down the aisle in the cards for the

actress? Apparently her friend, Heatherette designer Ritchie Rich, is ready just in case.

"He's designed a few" wedding dresses for the potential occasion," Anderson added.

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**Sienna excited**

She's not due to arrive on Broadway until October, but Sienna Miller is already anxious. "I'm scared, obviously, but really excited," Miller, 27, reports people.com. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Celebrity Buzz****Farrah's strength 'incredible': Friend**

**HEALTH** With Farrah Fawcett expected to leave the hospital within days, her friend Alana Stewart is in awe of how the Charlie's Angels star has dealt with her latest medical ordeal, people.com reports.

"I've never seen anyone fight for their life like this," says Stewart, a constant presence at the actress's hospital bedside and co-producer of Fawcett's upcoming documentary



about her battle with anal cancer.

Despite widespread reports to the contrary, Fawcett, 62, is currently hospitalized for internal bleeding not directly related to the cancer. "Farrah is not in a coma and she's never been unconscious," Stewart says. "It's unconscionable for these things to be put out. It's so tremendously hurtful to Farrah. It's put her in a panic. But Farrah's spirit is incredible."

Her personal physician,

Dr. Lawrence Piro, has also been impressed with Fawcett, calling her "an amazing patient" since she was first diagnosed in 2006.

"All people who face cancer are brave," he says, "but Farrah has been especially brave because she has had to battle two burdens at the same time. One is the burden of cancer. The other is the burden of going through the cancer in a very public way. Throughout, Farrah has used something which is a masterful gift of hers, and

that's her humor. And positive thinking."

Piro says that, barring complications, Fawcett should be released from the hospital "in a few days." In the meantime, Fawcett receives visitors from a close circle of friends such as Stewart. Another presence is her long-time companion Ryan O'Neal. "Ryan has continued to be by her side and has helped her so much through this experience," says Piro.

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**Bring Olympics to Chicago, Oprah urges**

**PROMOTION** Oprah Winfrey is hoping to bring the Olympics to Chicago for 2016, and she's not afraid to namedrop to get it done.

"President Obama's philosophy is one of embracing the Olympic movement," she said, according to the Chicago Sun-Times. "What I'm hoping is we can have a real, honest conversation about how great this city is and the possibilities it will bring not only for the citizens of Chicago, but the citizens of the world."

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**Jennifer just crazy over Jamie**

**RELATIONSHIPS** Jennifer Love Hewitt has had her ups and downs in relationships, but the Ghost Whisperer star is "the happiest I've ever been" with new boyfriend Jamie Kennedy, people.com reports.

"We just make each other laugh and we're best friends," Hewitt told reporters at the premiere of Kennedy's film, Finding Bliss, at the 14th Annual Gen Art Film Festival in New York City on Tuesday night.

So, when did sparks start to fly? "We've known each other for a very long time and there's just something

there. We've always had this mutual admiration," says Kennedy. "She is the most generous and thoughtful person you'll ever meet. She's amazingly talented and people don't realize that she's incredibly funny too. She's a great person to be with."

Looking svelte in a navy blue Camilla and Marc dress and YSL plat-



form stilettos, Hewitt added: "Him being hilarious is what makes this relationship work. When you're really funny, there's nothing really bad that can happen."

And although the two haven't been together for "that long," Hewitt said that they are "very much alike."

"We do everything the same. We're very compatible in that way," she said.

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**Baby clothes given to charity**

**PEOPLE** Nicole Richie is auctioning off her 14-month-old daughter's clothes for charity, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Richie, who shares baby Harlow with Good Charlotte rocker Joel Mad-



den, has donated a few of her little girl's used items to HandMeDowns.com for the charity auction, which will run until April 17. Items include Harlow's Ralph Lauren romper, a rainbow

striped cashmere sweater, infant moccasins and an autographed Maclaren Lacoste stroller valued at \$400 that is currently listed for \$1. Money raised will help disadvantaged kids.

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**Wolverine heartbroken**

**CAREER** The reigning Sexiest Man Alive doesn't think what happened to his new movie is very sexy, people.com reports.

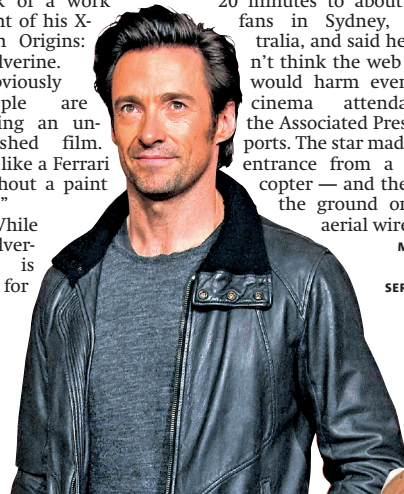
"It's a serious crime and there's no doubt it's very disappointing - I was heartbroken by it," Hugh Jackman said Wednesday about last week's Internet leak of a work print of his X-Men Origins: Wolverine. "Obviously people are seeing an unfinished film. It's like a Ferrari without a paint job."

While Wolverine is set for

official release on May 1, its studio, 20th Century Fox, says the FBI and the Motion Picture Association of America were investigating who might have pirated it and have promised to prosecute the culprits.

As part of a world tour to promote the movie, Jackman, 40, previewed about 20 minutes to about 600 fans in Sydney, Australia, and said he didn't think the web leak would harm eventual cinema attendance, the Associated Press reports. The star made his entrance from a helicopter - and then to the ground on an aerial wire.

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**Eminem takes a mean shot at Jess**

**PEOPLE** Eminem takes aim at Jessica Simpson in his latest video, We Made You, portraying the singer as voluptuous and never far from a cheeseburger - but Simpson is shrugging it off. "Of course Jess finds it annoying," a friend of hers said, according to MSNBC. "But it's not like she's the only one who was singled out."

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